

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 12, 2004

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on July 12, 2004 in Room 830, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Jernigan called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in honor of the soldiers serving in Iraq. The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Jernigan
Vice President Mariajimenez
Treasurer Lesser
Commissioner Creary
Commissioner Davalos
Commissioner Duba
Commissioner Gravely
Commissioner Morgan
Commissioner Mummey
Commissioner Perkins
Commissioner Rodriguez

Introduction of the audience followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Davalos, seconded by Vice President Mariajimenez, and duly carried, with Commissioner Creary abstaining, the minutes of June 28, 2004 were approved with the following correction: add Kurt Freeman as a guest on the attendance page.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jernigan's report is summarized as follows:

- Noting that this is her last meeting as President of the Commission, she thanked Commissioners and staff for their support and offered her support to the new officers. Khanh Nguyen, Deputy Executive Officer, and Commissioners commended President Jernigan for her model of leadership and professionalism.
- She sent a letter thanking the Commissioners and acknowledging the support of the Board of Supervisors (copy on file).

- She read a letter of resignation from Commissioner Cooperman. Commissioners acknowledged Commissioner Cooperman for her work and service to the Commission and to the community.
- The Auditor-Controller Sunset Review recommends extending the Commission's sunset review date until 2008. The report rated Commissioners' attendance as satisfactory. She encouraged Commissioners to improve this rating.
- She then presented certificates to Commission volunteers, and presented gifts to Commission officers and Commissioners.
- She also thanked her son, Gilbert Jernigan of the Boeing Company, and daughter-in-law, Patricia, for their presence and support.

STAFF REPORT

Staff reported the following:

- On May 26 Supervisor Molina re-opened the Azusa Health Center through a unique public-private partnership. This and 16 other clinics run by DHS had been closed in October 2002 due to the County's fiscal crisis. She made the re-opening possible by securing a \$50,000 seed grant from the California Endowment and \$87,500 from DHS' Public-Private Partnership Monies.
- The L.A. County Museum of Art announces a new free "Free After Five" admission program that opens the doors of the museum to all at no charge after 5 p.m. six nights a week. On Friday nights LACMA offers free outdoor jazz concerts. For more information access their website www.lacma.org.
- The date for the international exchange meeting with Member of the European and Hungarian Parliament Ms. Zita Gurmai Ph.D. has changed to August 18 at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Morgan and Treasurer Lesser expressed interest in attending.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Lesser reported on the expenditures for the month of June, 2004. The beginning balance for June was \$27,158.75; the expenditures were \$5,535.00; the income was \$3.25; and the ending balance was \$27,627.00.

Treasurer Lesser then reported the following Commission Trust Fund ending balances for 2003-04:

Year-End Balance for the Commission's Fund	\$26,990.30
The 2004 Women of the Year Net Proceeds	<u>\$15,462.48</u>
Total Revenue for 2004-05 Fiscal Year:	\$42,452.78

According to established spending criteria, the following allocations will be made for the **2004-05** Budget:

Commissioners' Fund	\$29,214.58
President's Fund	\$9,738.20
Awards Luncheon Seed Money	\$2,500.00
Domestic Violence Grants	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
 TOTAL:	 \$42,452.78

On motion of Treasurer Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and unanimously carried, the Commission received and filed the Final FY 2003-04 Treasurer's Report and the 2004-05 Budget.

INSTALLATION OF 2004-05 OFFICERS

On behalf of Supervisor Molina, Renita Bowlin, Deputy to Supervisor Burke, swore in Karin Davalos as the 2004-05 Commission President.

On behalf of Supervisor Knabe, Ms. Bowlin swore in Charlotte Lesser as the 2004-05 Commission Vice President.

On behalf of Supervisor Antonovich, Ms. Bowlin swore in Reiko Duba as the 2004-05 Commission Treasurer.

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones joined the meeting).

SCROLL PRESENTATIONS TO OUTGOING COMMISSION OFFICERS

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Ms. Bowlin presented a scroll to the outgoing President, Ruth Jernigan, for her outstanding leadership to the Commission. Adinah Solomon, Third District, presented a scroll to outgoing Vice President Mariajimenez and President Davalos presented a scroll to outgoing Treasurer Lesser.

On behalf of the Commission, President Davalos presented a gift to outgoing President Jernigan in recognition of her exceptional leadership.

APPROVE ACCW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Commissioner Creary made a motion to approve \$50 annual dues to the ACCW, seconded by Vice President Lesser. Commissioner Rodriguez made a friendly amendment to increase the dues to \$100. Commissioners Creary and Lesser accepted the friendly amendment.

On motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Vice President Lesser, and duly carried, with Commissioner Morgan abstaining, the Commission approved \$100 to renew annual membership dues to the ACCW.

APPROVE FOOD EXPENSES FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported on planning and the program for the workshop, and proposed that the Commission provide food for at least 30 scholarship recipients and their guests.

On motion of Commissioner Becerra-Jones, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved \$800 for food for the Scholarship Recipient Education Workshop.

The Commission agreed that approval of other costs for the event would be placed on a future agenda. Commissioner Mummey also requested additional information on the event program.

The Commission also discussed recruitment and retention of scholarship candidates. Commissioners suggested that the 5k Committee and the Education Committee each meet to discuss recruitment and scholarship criteria.

On behalf of Supervisor Knabe, Senior Deputy Gail Tierney and Assistant Chief Deputy Rick Velasquez, Fourth District, offered a tribute to Vice President Lesser, outgoing Commission officers, Fourth District Commissioners and the Commission.

Renita Bowlin thanked Second District Commissioners for their work and commended the Commission for its professionalism.

Wanda Johnson thanked outgoing President Jernigan for her leadership and friendship.

Gilbert Jernigan thanked his mother, outgoing President Jernigan, and challenged the Commission to keep pressure on private industry regarding hiring and promoting women and minority job candidates.

Reverent Lorna Cross, First AME Church, expressed interest in working with the Commission.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA

Commissioner Mummey thanked the Commission for its \$500 donation to the Older Women's Conference and Commission staff Twila Kerr for creating flyers for the event.

Commissioner Duba announced that the 5k Committee meeting scheduled for today has been postponed to Monday, August 9, 2004 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 830.

Vice President Lesser reported on the Office of Women's Health seminar on assessing women's health needs.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

Ruth Jernigan, President
Yvonne Mariajimenez, Esq., Vice President
Charlotte Lesser, Treasurer
Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Ruth Creary, Ph.D
Karin Davalos
Reiko Duba
Wadie Gravely
Lila Morgan
Janet E. Mummey, Esq.
Barbara Perkins
Olivia Rodriguez

EXCUSED

Roslyn Cooperman
Bonnie J. Lewis

UNEXCUSED

Sophia Esparza

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Roxane Marquez, First District
Renita Bowlin, Second District
Adinah Solomon, Third District
Rick Velasquez, Fourth District
Gail Tierney, Fourth District
Angel Triola, Office of Affirmative Action Compliance
Executive Office Staff: Khanh Nguyen, Jim Corbett, Twila Kerr, Steve Erickson,
Audra Galang, and Gabriel Alexander

GUESTS

Debi Biederman
Rose Borja
Genevieve Clavreul
Reverent Lorna Cross, First AME Church
Gilbert Jernigan
Patricia Jernigan
Margaret Sow Ma